

House Resolution No. 4334

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Willodean Pilkington, a resident of Forest City, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Eightieth Birthday with a special celebration on August 17, 2003, in the community room at Forest City Senior Housing; and

Whereas, on August 20, 1923, in Mound City, God brought a special gift to this great state with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Willodean, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, Willodean Pilkington made her formal debut in 1923 along with such notable people as radio and television newscaster Harry Reasoner, country singer Hank Williams, and Pro Football Hall of Fame member Elroy Leon "Crazylegs" Hirsch; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Willodean Pilkington had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life, such as her marriage at the Fortescue Methodist Church to Omer Pilkington (deceased), and the birth of their only child, Margaret Pilkington of Forest City; and

Whereas, at the respectful age of 80, Willodean Pilkington is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Willodean Pilkington at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri octogenarian Willodean Pilkington, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4334, adopted October 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker